

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 555 - SB 1211

March 10, 2023

SUMMARY OF BILL: Adds human trafficking offenses to eligible victims who are allowed to receive compensation from the Criminal Injuries Compensation (CIC) Fund for personal injury or loss incurred as a result of pain and suffering. Removes the requirement that victims, or claimants acting on behalf of victims, of human trafficking offenses must have reported the offense to law enforcement within 48 hours.

FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- The proposed legislation authorizes victims of human trafficking offenses to also be entitled to compensation from the CIC Fund, and takes away the requirement that human trafficking offenses must be reported to proper law enforcement authorities within 48 hours after the occurrence of the crime for the purposes of receiving compensation from the CIC Fund.
- Based on information provided by Treasury, the proposed legislation will require the CIC Fund to make programming updates to ensure compliance with victims of human trafficking becoming eligible for compensation from the CIC Fund; however, the programming updates will be made utilizing existing personnel without an increase in state expenditures.
- A total of 4,180 individuals received reimbursements from the CIC Fund in FY21-22, excluding reimbursements for sexual assault forensic exams. It is estimated that, under current law, the number of individuals receiving reimbursement will be 4,200 in FY22-23 and 4,250 in FY23-24.
- The balance of the CIC Fund was \$6,823,363, as of June 30, 2022.
- According to Treasury, the number of human trafficking claims that are already compensable under the CIC Fund is not significant. Therefore, and based on felony admissions data provided by the Department of Correction, authorizing victims of human trafficking to be eligible for compensation from the CIC Fund for pain and suffering is estimated to not significantly increase state expenditures from the CIC Fund.

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CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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